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## Miss Norma Toalson Writes Children's Story

The members of the English classes at Hardin College are writing children's stories and some of the most interesting ones will be printed in the Ledger. The one which follows is by Miss Norma Toalson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. G. F. Toalson, of Mexico. Miss Toalson is a most talented young woman and her story shows much promise.

**FIVE LITTLE PEN POINTS.**  
Once there were five little brother pen points who had lived for many months in a red box in the drawer of a teacher's desk. The world to them was made up of powder puffs, mirrors, strings, knives, and marbles. For five hours of the day, the outside world was filled with strange noises and the sound of many small voices, above which a strong, clear voice could be heard. Then for nineteen hours silence reigned.

These little pen points became very tired of their monotonous life and longed to see what the world outside was like. One day, as luck would have it, someone opened the drawer, took out the box of pens and placed it on the desk. As soon as the pens became accustomed to the bright light, they saw the smiling face of the teacher regarding them. She dumped them on the desk, then selected one of them and started writing a love note with it.

"How lucky our brother is," sighed the four remaining pens. He has already fallen into good hands."

"If I could only serve that pretty, curly haired little girl over there, I would be happy," said pen number one.

"I would like to live out of doors," said the second pen. "I have been shut up in the dark long enough."

"I have greater ambitions than that," said the third proud pen. "I want to achieve fame and glory. What a your ambition, little brother? He asked, addressing himself to the last pen, who had remained silent.

"I hope I can be of some little help in this world," he meekly replied.

Suddenly the pens saw someone rushing towards them. It was the curly-haired little girl. The first pen beamed with joy when she picked him up.

The little girl jammed him in a holder and stuck him in a bottle of ink with such force that he uttered a sharp cry of pain. She then scribbled a note and handed it to the boy across the aisle. The boy read it and said something in reply which made the girl angry. She picked up the pen and threw it at him. The poor pen point struck the desk and fell broken to the floor. His wish was

fulfilled; he had served the pretty little girl.

At the recess period one of the pupils picked up the second pen point, which looked especially bright and shiny, and handed it to the baby of a visiting mother. The baby naturally put it into its mouth. The frightened mother got hold of the pen and quickly threw it out of the window.

It fell in some tall grass, where the dew and the rain caused it to rust to death. Thus it spent its last days out-of-doors.

The third pen was accidentally pushed off of the desk and fell on the floor, where the janitor swept it up. When the janitor saw the shining pen point in the pile of trash, he said to himself:

"What luck! Little Susie is just learning to write with a pen and here is a brand new point. I'll just take it home to her."

Little Susie took the very best care of her little treasure and wrote beautiful poems with it, which were later published when she became a noted poet. She always kept and valued the pen point with which she wrote her first poems.

The last little pen point was put back into the drawer. He was very lonely but he did not dare weep for fear his tears would make him rusty. Great things were in store for him, however, within a few months war was declared against a neighboring country and the school building became an important general's headquarters. The pen overheard many secret conferences which were held around the desk. For days he could hear the rumble of guns and the explosion of shells. Finally all became peaceful and many men gathered in the room.

"I have broken my pen point," said a deep voice.

Then the drawer was opened and a searching eye fell upon the lonely little pen.

"Here's a new pen point, General," said the man.

The little pen point was so happy to be of service after so much idleness that he wrote his very best "many names which were signed to a long document. This was only the beginning of his career. He was taken to a large and beautiful museum and placed in a glass case, where many little girls and boys and men and women came to look at him. They called him a historical relic. He did not understand exactly what this was, but he was content to be one, anyway.

## WEDDINGS

Charles O. Whight, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Whight of this city, was married to Miss Edith Battersby in Kansas City on Christmas Day. The wedding took place at the home of Miss Battersby's aunt. Following the ceremony the young couple spent their Christmas Holidays in Mexico, Columbia, and Glasgow.

Miss Battersby is a graduate of Missouri University, and holds the position of teacher of English in the high school at Atchison, Kansas. She has visited in Mexico where she has made many friends.

Mr. Wright is a graduate of McMillan High and Missouri University. For the past two years he has been a teacher in the high school at Atchison. He is a former city editor of the Ledger, and is an exceptionally bright young man.

The Ledger joins many friends of both Mr. and Mrs. Wright in extending best wishes for their continued happiness and prosperity.

**A GIANTIC FORD PROJECT**  
DETROIT, Dec. 23.—Henry Ford's decision to construct a 6-million-dollar plant near Chicago for the building of motor car bodies and assembling of cars is only a step in a gigantic program on the part of the Ford Motor Company "that will rank as one of the greatest industrial developments the world ever has seen."

It was stated at the Ford company offices here today by persons in authority.

"As long as Mr. Ford lives," it was said, "this expansion program is to go on. The fundamental idea back of the whole scheme is to create more jobs. As long as there is a possibility of putting more men at work the Ford policy will be to build more plants."

**He Was Elected.**  
Monroe Kelso, who with his wife, is visiting Mexico relatives, is an ardent Democrat. However, much to his surprise, following the recent election in Seattle, he discovered he had been elected a Justice of the Peace on the Republican ticket. He had never been approached concerning his becoming a candidate or did he know of being on the ticket until the polls closed and the results were published. Monroe says he is too busy to give any time to his office so will resign.

Mrs. W. L. Kent is entertaining Miss Erna MacFarlane, of Columbia, Miss MacFarlane formerly lived in this city and has a host of friends here.

**Here From Seattle.**  
Mr. and Mrs. William Monroe Kelso, of Seattle, are visiting Mr. Kelso's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Kelso. Monroe's many Mexico friends will be glad to know that he is meeting with much success as traffic agent for the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul Railway Co.

Miss Elizabeth Green is home from the University for the Holidays.

## DEATHS

Mrs. Mary Belle Harrison, 72 years old, died about 6 o'clock Thursday evening. The funeral services were held at 2:30 Saturday afternoon at the Presbyterian Church conducted by Dr. A. A. Wallace. The sons were pallbearers.

Mrs. Harrison, who was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Crockett, was born in Tennessee but moved to Missouri when quite young and was one of the pioneers of this part of the country.

She was married to John F. Harrison on January 26, 1869 and to them were born thirteen children of whom eleven are now living. They are: Emmett P. of Kansas City, Kas.; Crockett of Mexico; John Sims of Sweet Springs; Jim Melvin of Madison, Kas.; Mrs. A. H. Schopp of Mexico; Paul H. of Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. R. Q. King of Maitland and Cyrus Clark of Madison, Samuel A. J. Medicine Lodge, Kas., Frank Kelly of Raytown.

Mrs. Harrison was a most lovable character and has a large number of friends here who will join the Ledger in extending sincere sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Mrs. Harrison also has twenty-six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Word has been received by Henry Weber of Rush Hill of the death of his son-in-law, Charles W. Yost of El Centro, Cal. Mr. Yost formerly lived in Mexico and for some time was employed by J. C. King. Five years ago he went West on account of his health. His wife, formerly Miss Julia Weber died three years ago.

During the last summer Mr. Yost returned to Mexico and visited relatives and friends here and in the community.

In September he returned to California and since then his health has been very poor.

He is survived by a brother, John Yost and a sister, Mrs. Walter Fagan of Laddonia. The Ledger joins the many friends of Mr. Yost in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Burial will take place in California.

**RED HANGMAN WHO HUNG 2,000 KILLS SELF WITH ROPE**  
PARIS, Dec. 21.—Comrade lookoff, famous Bolshevik hangman, who, executed more than 2,000 persons in this manner since 1920, has hanged himself, according to dispatches from Moscow today.

The many friends of William Peck, who resides in Long Branch neighborhood, north of Mexico, will regret to hear he suffered a paralytic stroke Wednesday night.

**Dies At Santa Fe**  
John Dyson, who came to Santa Fe years ago from St. Louis, died there Thursday night. He was a man in comfortable circumstances with no relatives as far as is known. He was well known in Mexico.

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## DECLARES THIS IS ERA OF LONGEVITY

New York, Dec. 22.—This harassed globe, whose inhabitants have been heir to many ills and accidents of existence, is now for the greater part more safe for ripe old age for humans than at any time in history. Three-score-and-ten just around the corner and the era bids fair to be ripe with grandmothers and grandfathers. Day by day and in every way the world is getting better and better, according to Dr. Louis I. Dublin, chief statistician of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and executive of the National Safety Council.

Dr. Dublin has spent fifteen years compiling, recompileing and adjusting statistics from all over the world, and he announced exclusively through the United News that in the United States and the more advanced countries of the Old World the expectancy of life at birth and in later ages, barring the extremely old, has been augmented considerably in the last ten years.

The explanation lies in the accomplishments of present day medical science, applied with intelligent effort and aided by civilization's hand-maidens, social sanitarian, progress and economic improvement for the individual.

How the figures have mounted is shown by a few simple comparisons. In England and Wales in 1838 to 1854 the expectancy of life at birth was 40.88 years, with a gradual ascent in later years. In the United States in 1901 it was 49.24 years, in Holland in 1850 it was 37.32 and in India 25.07. In recent years in India the figure has decreased to 21; while in New Zealand the span of life has been the greatest for any country. Australia had the best next record.

One interesting feature of Dr. Dublin's figures is that women have an expectancy ranging about two years over that of men in the majority of periods of the prime of life.

Moreover, any fundamental medical discovery, for instance, a definite cure for cancer, would raise the life expectancy considerably.

"The average person at 50," Dr. Dublin said, "may now hope to live to be 71 or as we put it, the average length of life remaining to each one of the survivors at 50 is twenty-one more years. Even at 70 there is more than nine years of expectation and so on in a diminishing degree to the end."

"Present day statistics show that it is not until the age of 60 is reached that one-half of our population has died and close to 75 before three-quarters of our population has passed away."

"Fifteen per cent of the deaths that occur each year are of children within the first year of life. But there is compensation for high infant mortality, namely, its prevention and control."

"We are unable at present," Dr. Dublin says, "to control processes which make for old age. But we will be able to control the diseases incident to childhood by intelligent effort. Mortality from tuberculosis has been decreasing everywhere, and we draw utmost optimism from that."

**IN A MINUTE, \$30,000 PROFIT.**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—All records for quick turns and nimble trading on the stock exchange were broken Saturday by Joe Manning, the Wall Street operator, who is credited with being one of the most alert traders in the history of the exchange.

Manning was quick to grasp the significance of declaration by the Pan-American Petroleum Company of a 20 per